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SUBJECT: US-UK PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS

1. US AND UK ANNUALLY CONDUCT A SENIOR-LEVEL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON UNGA ISSUES IN ADVANCE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. THIS YEAR IT IS THE US TURN TO HOST THE MEETING AND WE PROPOSE TO DO SO IN NEW YORK.

2. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND EXPLAIN THAT GOVERNOR SCRANTON WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE ANNUAL US/UK PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK. THE US MISSION IN NY WOULD BE AUGMENTED FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS BY SENIOR IO OFFICERS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. WE SUGGEST THE EXCHANGE TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 (THIS WEEK APPEARS BEST FOR OUR PURPOSES).

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ALTHOUGH THIS DATE IS LATER THAN USUAL, EMBASSY MIGHT WISH

TO POINT OUT THAT THE GA BEGINS LATER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE SEPTEMBER 13 DATE ALLOWS ADEQUATE TIME BETWEEN THE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS AND THE ACTUAL CONVENING OF THE GA. WE PROPOSE THE CONSULTATIONS EXTEND OVER ONE DAY, WITH A JOINT SESSION TAKING PLACE IN THE MORNING AND THE GROUP SPLITTING INTO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUB-GROUPS DURING THE AFTERNOON.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE UK REACTION BY THE END OF THE WEEK SINCE THE DEPT WILL WANT TO OFFER THE REMAINING DATES DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 FOR SIMILAR EXCHANGES WITH THE FRENCH AND THE CANADIANS. KISSINGER

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